

WORLD BRIEFS
U.S. will limit number of troops in Haiti, Powell says

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday that the U.S. military presence in Haiti in the aftermath of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's departure will be "in the hundreds" — far less than the 20,000 troops Washington sent there a decade ago.

"I don't think it will be a very large presence," said Powell, discussing the situation in the Caribbean nation after Aristide fled to Africa. Powell said he believes "this is mostly a stability operation as opposed to a combat operation."

He appeared on several morning news programs a day after a small contingent of Marines, fewer than 100, landed there, as the vanguard of an international peace-keeping force.

"He had pretty much used up his political authority and credibility," Powell said of Aristide on NBC's "Today" program, "and he did the wise and appropriate thing. I think it was wise and patriotic for him to step aside."

CITY BRIEFS
Officials cite electrical error as cause of clubhouse fire

Chapel Hill fire officials say an electrical malfunction appears to be the cause of a Monday morning fire that ignited the clubhouse and office building of Willow Brook Apartments, located at 5639 Old Chapel Hill Road in Durham.

Five Chapel Hill fire units and 17 personnel responded to the call with assistance from New Hope Fire Department and Parkwood EMS, according to a press release from the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

When crews arrived at 6:28 a.m., they found heavy flames and smoke in the roof of the office and clubhouse building. Crews extinguished the fire by 7:15 a.m., the release states.

According to the release, an investigation determined that the origin of the fire was directly behind a soft drink machine located in one corner of the building's mail room.

The office was closed and unoccupied at the time of the incident, the release states.

According to the release, the heaviest damage was done to a mailroom that contained residents' mailboxes.

Representatives of the U.S. Postal Service were contacted to retrieve all personal mail in an attempt to trace the senders and intended recipients, the release states. Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Caprice Mellon said there is no further investigation.

UNC student charged with assaulting his girlfriend

A UNC student was charged with assault on a female following an altercation with his girlfriend Monday afternoon, reports state.

James Spence, 21, a junior chemistry major, was charged with striking his girlfriend with his fists at his home at North Heritage Circle, reports state.

According to reports, the incident occurred Monday at 1:45 p.m. Spence arrived at the Chapel Hill Police Department at 3:30 p.m. to have a warrant served on him.

Spence was charged with misdemeanor assault on a female, then released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on March 29.

Spence's girlfriend suffered minor injuries from the incident.

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Cash taken from wallet as owner played basketball

More than \$100 was stolen Monday from a wallet while the owner was playing basketball at Hinton James Residence Hall Monday, police reports state.

Bakulesh Patel left the wallet under his hat on the picnic table during the basketball game. When he returned to check the wallet, he discovered \$117 was missing, reports state.

A man was seen sitting at the table during the game, though no witnesses saw the man remove anything from the wallet.

CALENDAR
Today

All day — Today is Faculty Appreciation Day at Bull's Head Bookshop. All faculty will receive a 25 percent discount.

4:30 p.m. — An academic advising discussion will be held in the Class of 2000 Lounge in the Student Union. Academic advisers will answer questions. Free pizza and drinks will be provided.

From staff and wire reports.

Women's rights talk draws protests

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Patricia Ireland, former president of the National Organization for Women, urged faculty and students to find their passion and to support positive change for women and minorities.

Ireland's speech, which took place Tuesday in 111 Carroll Hall, also drew 14 members of Carolina Students for Life, who held signs with anti-abortion logos.

"We want the pro-life voice to be heard at a meeting where there would be a lot of pro-choice sentiment," said senior Bryan Castellucci, a protesting CSFL member.

Abortion rights came up in many forms, from women's health issues to doctor-patient relationships, during Ireland's speech.

"I'm opposed to abortion," said Ireland, making a distinction. "I'm in favor of abortion rights."

She thanked the protesting CSFL members for providing an open discussion of the topic "without screaming at each other."

"I wanted to acknowledge that we've had some good role models here," Ireland said of the group.

CSFL president Stephanie Evans said that she also was happy with the discussion, but that she was less pleased with Ireland's abortion rights stance.

"I think she's ignoring key issues of women's health," said Evans, noting post-abortion depression and ovarian cancer among those issues.

"She is involved in keeping abortion legal in America."

Ireland also spoke about her

enthusiastic support for activism.

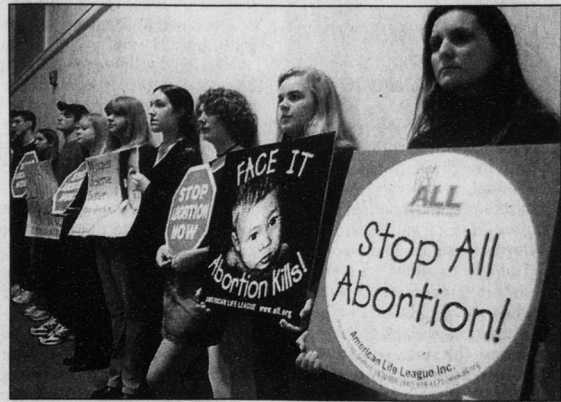
"(Activism) is an enormous amount of fun to have if you did, and if you didn't, then you had a misspent youth," Ireland said.

"Progress is not equality. Progress is not irreversible. Progress is not inevitable," she said of the laws that have been changed in part because of the efforts of NOW and other organizations.

"(Progress) happened because we had people who were willing to push."

Ireland explained that many causes that initially might have seemed radical have become accepted in public opinion over time.

"Jesse Helms would support women's right to vote," Ireland



Members of Carolina Students for Life hold signs opposing abortion during activist Patricia Ireland's speech in 111 Carroll Hall on Tuesday.



The Early Intervention and Family Services Center in Hillsborough focuses on services for developmentally disabled children. North Carolina mental health reforms have been changing the service definitions governing the amount of state and federal funding providers can be paid.

GROUPS RETRENCH IN WAKE OF CHANGE

BY KATHRYN GRIM
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HILLSBOROUGH — About 10 children chased one another across the playground behind the Early Intervention and Family Services Center in Hillsborough last week, unaware of the challenges facing the woman watching them.

Since 2001, Early Intervention Director Linda Foxworth, has seen her workload increase due to the state's decision to begin enforcing a series of state mental health reforms.

These changes include the revision of the service definitions that dictate the amount of state and federal funding providers could be reimbursed for their services.

There are many such providers in the area, but Early Intervention is unique because it focuses on developmentally disabled children.

On Jan. 15, the state revealed new definitions set to go into effect Jan. 1, 2005.

Early Intervention and other programs

found some of the services they provide deleted from the list.

Programs offered through the organization provide children with developmental disabilities with a healthy, supportive environment.

The Parent and Child Together program, which serves about 65 children per year, offers in-home therapy for parents and children as old as 3.

Early Intervention also runs a children's learning center, which encourages the cognitive development of children with learning impediments such as autism.

Another program, KidScope, provides psychological testing and mental health services to children as old as 5 who face emotional, social, behavioral or developmental difficulties. It serves about 150 children per year.

The state continues to study amended service definitions. A new draft will be released by Oct. 1, three months before they are set to go into effect.

The rates at which the services will be funded were scheduled for release in February, but they will take another couple of months to complete, said Leza Wainwright, deputy director of the N.C.

Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Once the definitions are set, Early Intervention and other providers might have to find supplemental sources of funding to continue their programs.

Despite the number of changes under consideration, the new draft will not differ significantly from the one released Jan. 15, said Don Willis, chief of Adult Community Mental Health Services, a subgroup of the mental health division.

The state received feedback on the draft about five months ago.

But Early Intervention is experiencing more than one state-mandated reorganization.

The Division of Mental Health will manage Early Intervention services only until July. At that point, management of Early Intervention will transfer to the N.C. Division of Public Health.

Not only is Early Intervention required to transition from the public to the private sector by 2007 because of the privatization of mental health care, but it also must comply by 2006 with other reforms specific to Early

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Business leaders welcome ban's end

Northside duplex restriction stands

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A moratorium on the construction of duplexes in Chapel Hill expired Sunday, ending a 16-month controversy over the structures.

The end of the ban was greeted by developers and businesses with much praise after what many said was a drawn-out debate.

"I think it's about time (they lifted it)," said Virginia Knapp, associate director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Patmore, a Chapel Hill developer, said he was glad to see the ban lifted because it slowed town development. "It just delayed potential building in the town," he said.

Aaron Nelson, the chamber's executive director, said chamber members were happy to see the ban lifted because of the effect it will have on local housing.

"We believe duplexes are an important component of a diverse housing stock," he said.

The Town Council approved the new regulations Feb. 23, though it has scheduled further debate regarding certain restrictions, such as requirements on lot sizes.

The ban's expiration does not apply to the entire town. The Northside neighborhood banned duplexes permanently after the creation of a conservation district there Feb. 23.

Council members approved sections of the town's Land-Use Management Ordinance that call for the duplexes to have no more than 3,000 square feet of floor

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Harvard initiative to increase aid

To ease low-income families' burden

BY ERICA E. ELLIOTT
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A new initiative to increase financial aid at Harvard University gives hope to students who otherwise would not be able to attend the school because of its high cost.

The initiative, which was announced by Harvard President Lawrence Summers on Saturday, targets low- and middle-income families and will make sure students receive adequate financial aid to attend the institution.

The initiative will include eliminating tuition payments for students whose family income is less than \$40,000 and reducing the contributions of those who earn between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

Sally Donahue, the director of financial aid at Harvard College, the university's 6,600-student undergraduate school, said that the Ivy League school has a continual commitment to making itself accessible to all.

"The cost of school is quite high,

and Harvard meets full financial need to about 1,000 students whose income is less than \$60,000," Donahue said. "And we give grants to about 2,000 students whose family income exceeds \$60,000."

Harvard provides financial aid in various ways such as scholarships, jobs and loans.

The university has taken a series of steps to increase financial aid in the past five years. Two of those plans dealt with student contribution, and Harvard's most recent focuses on parents' ability to pay.

Harvard, known as the richest school in the nation, is fortunate to have generous alumni who support financial aid programs, Donahue said.

But Donahue also sees a growing trend as higher education institutions provide increasing amounts of financial aid to students.

"I think many schools are very concerned about these critical con-

ditions concerning low-income families," Donahue said.

Other schools, including UNC-Chapel Hill and the University of Virginia, have announced similar plans.

"It's a tremendous step forward for Harvard to make this kind of an effort to help students from lower incomes to afford them," said Paul Hassen, assistant director of public affairs for the American Council on Education.

Hassen said he believes the increase of financial aid programs is becoming a trend in higher level education across the nation.

"A lot of colleges are looking to make themselves more accessible to people," Hassen said.

"What we're seeing is colleges extending their financial aid programs even further to try and help families afford to pay for college."

But Jim Belvin, director of financial aid at Duke University, does not foresee such a national trend.

Belvin said that Harvard, unlike

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Energy firm gives \$212K

Environmental projects to benefit

BY ALICE DOLSON
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The Progress Energy Foundation announced last week that it has donated \$212,000 to the Carolina Environmental Program, Kenan-Flagler Business School and LEARN NC to fund a variety of environmental and public education projects.

"Our organization is very focused on funding education and the environment," said Julie Hans, a spokeswoman for the foundation. "It's going to provide some valuable research."

CEP will receive \$150,000 of the donation to research land and water conservation and watershed issues. CEP already focuses on these issues, but the donation will enable the program to investigate the policy analysis side, said CEP Director Douglas Crawford-Brown.

Water availability is a major issue for power companies because power plants require large amounts of water for cooling purposes, Crawford-Brown said.

"They certainly have business interests, but part of it is their role as corporate citizens," he said. "They feel that citizens of North Carolina need information about watershed and conservation."

CEP received a similar donation from Duke Power to research drought vulnerability, but most of its funding still comes in the form of research grants from organizations such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Crawford-Brown said.

The donation from Progress Energy, part of the Carolina First fund-raising campaign, offers more flexibility than usual grants. This is the first time Progress Energy has donated money to CEP.

The Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise received \$25,000 from Progress Energy to plan a program to help school leaders from low-income areas learn how to handle

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